

Rush	Spence	Vucanovich
Salmon	Spratt	Walker
Sanders	Stark	Walsh
Sanford	Stearns	Wamp
Sawyer	Stenholm	Ward
Saxton	Studds	Waters
Scarborough	Stump	Watt (NC)
Schaefer	Stupak	Waxman
Schroeder	Talent	Weldon (FL)
Schumer	Tanner	Weldon (PA)
Seastrand	Tate	Weller
Sensenbrenner	Tauzin	White
Serrano	Taylor (NC)	Whitfield
Shadegg	Tejeda	Wicker
Shaw	Thomas	Williams
Shays	Thornberry	Wilson
Shuster	Thornton	Wise
Skaggs	Thurman	Wolf
Skeen	Tiahrt	Woolsey
Skelton	Torkildsen	Wyden
Slaughter	Towns	Wynn
Smith (MI)	Trafficant	Yates
Smith (NJ)	Tucker	Young (AK)
Smith (WA)	Upton	Young (FL)
Solomon	Velazquez	Zeliff
Souder	Visclosky	Zimmer

NAYS—27

Abercrombie	Foglietta	Menendez
Brown (CA)	Furse	Oberstar
Chenoweth	Gillmor	Owens
Clay	Hastings (FL)	Pickett
Deutsch	Hefley	Pombo
Engel	Hinchey	Sabo
Fattah	Jacobs	Taylor (MS)
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Vento
Filner	McKinney	Volkmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Harman	Stockman
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NOT VOTING—21

Ballenger	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Collins (MI)	Rangel	Stokes
Fields (TX)	Reynolds	Thompson
Ford	Roberts	Torres
Goodling	Schiff	Torricelli
Hilliard	Scott	Waldholtz
Mfume	Sisisky	Watts (OK)

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Mr. RUSH changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). Will the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MORELLA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair is about to receive a message from the Senate, the Chair would note that for many years messages from the Senate have been delivered by Mr. Brian Hallen. Mr. Hallen is retiring, and this is the last message he will deliver to the House.

The Chair on behalf of the House thanks him for his many courtesies and wishes him well in the future.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. ABRAHAM to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 93-29, as amended by Public Laws 98-459 and 102-375, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, reappoints Robert L. Goldman of Oklahoma to the Federal Council on the Aging.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget. We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we kept our promise; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence—we kept our promise; congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature—we kept our promise; family reinforcement, tax cuts for middle-income families, and the senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without government penalty—we will do these today.

This is our Contract With America.

CONGRATULATIONS UCLA

(Mr. WAXMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, as an undergraduate and law school graduate of UCLA, and as the Representative of the congressional district that includes the UCLA campus, I rise to congratulate the Bruins on a great victory on Monday night.

Coach John Wooden once said this to his players: "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." The 1995 Bruins lived that advice in the championship game. They did not let

the injury to Tyus Edney, who had played so brilliantly throughout the tournament, keep them from their goal. Instead, they focused on what they could do, and the O'Bannon brothers, Cameron Dollars Toby Bailey, and the other Bruins raised their game. I congratulate them and Coach Jim Harrick for their inspirational play.

I also want to take a moment to express appreciation to Coach Nolan Richardson and his Arkansas players. They are great champions and displayed tremendous determination and skill to reach the final game. I hope Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman will return for their senior years so that the Nation can be treated to a championship rematch next year.

THE BASIC MESSAGE

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today as we consider the tax relief bill, I urge my colleagues and the American people to keep in mind what this debate is really about. Republicans want to cut taxes. The big-government party wants to raise taxes.

From now on, only a few will remember the details in this legislation, and fewer will care about the specifics. But everyone will remember this basic fact: The Republicans want to cut taxes. The liberal big-government party wants to raise taxes.

The vote today is simple. If this bill passes, more Americans will keep more of their own money. If this bill fails, those who oppose reform, the defenders of the status quo, the liberals who love big government, will have won a big victory while the American people will have lost.

Mr. Speaker, last November the people voted out the past and voted in the future. I hope my colleagues remember this basic message sent by the voters. They voted in people who promised to give America tax relief, and they voted out people that they knew would raise taxes.

THE TAX BILL AND THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, lately I have been on the floor talking about what I call the Republican version of AFDC, not aid to families with dependent children, but aid for dependent corporations.

This tax bill is another example of AFDC, welfare for corporations. The Republican tax bill repeals the corporate alternative minimum tax, AMT, a provision of the 1986 Tax Code which ensures that profitable corporations pay their fair share of income taxes.